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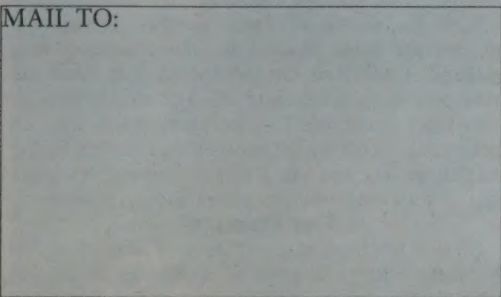
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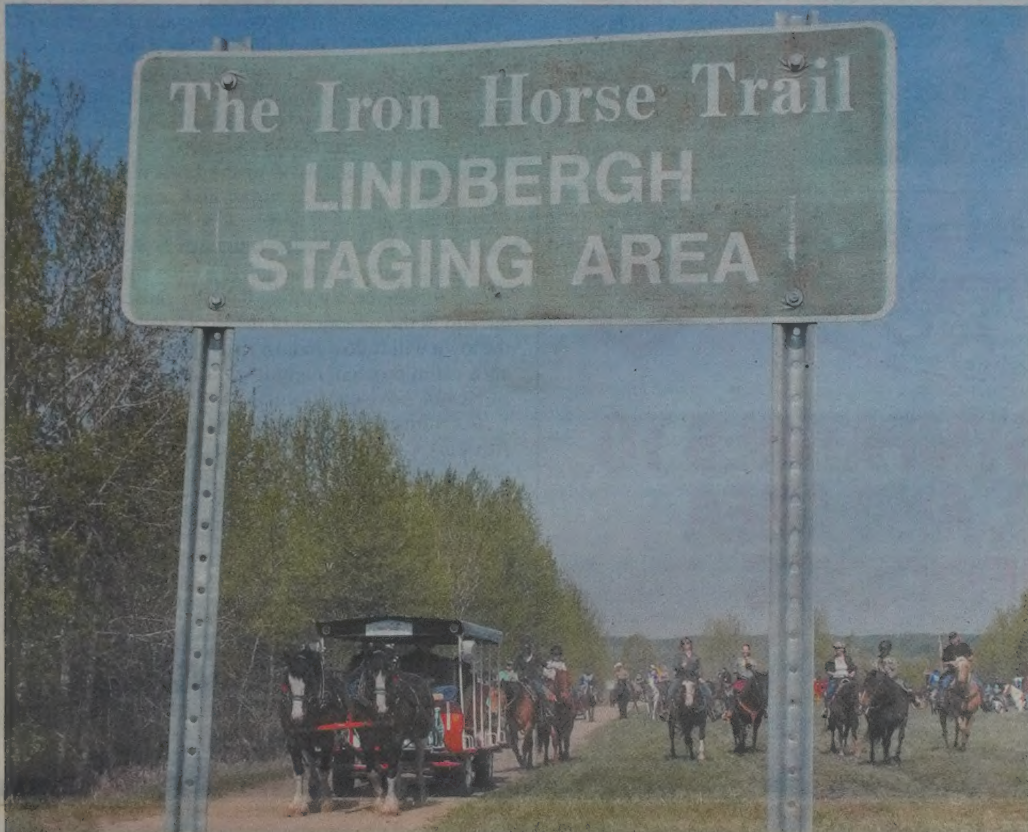
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Perfect day for fifth annual 2nd Chance

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Saturday was “a perfect day for a trail ride,” 2nd Chance Trail Ride organizing committee members Lionel Romanchuk and Robyn Ockerman agreed as they welcomed a capacity crowd to Heinsburg Community Hall on Saturday evening at the conclusion of the afternoon’s trek down the Iron Horse Trail from Lindbergh to Heinsburg.

A new record of 318 riders took part, either on horseback or in wagons and other horse-drawn conveyances, and Ockerman, granddaughter of the ride’s founder, Morris Irvine, said she was “so proud of what our organization has done.”

Irvine was the first of a lineup of transplant recipients to come on stage to share his story. After years of battling respiratory illnesses and suffering from chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), Irvine learned that to survive, he must have a double lung transplant. On March 13, 2011, he received the “best gift ever, a double lung transplant. Because of one person who made a decision to sign a donor card, we all had a happy ending.”

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Town’s mill rates remain unchanged since 2011

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Once again, the Town of Elk Point has kept the mill rates the same, with the changes that ratepayers will see on their tax notices coming from the Alberta School Foundation Fund (ASFF) levy and changes in property assessment.

Last year, the ASFF levy climbed from \$303,676 to \$447,300, a 14 per cent increase. This year’s increase is just over 10 per cent, for a total of \$493,639. This year’s total assessment is \$175,515,280, up just one per cent from the 2015 figure of \$173,718,320, with the residential assessment remaining healthy despite the downturn in the economy. Council agreed to leave mill rates the same despite the increased levy, and to cover the increase from general revenues, a tactic made possible by cuts in expenditures.

The bottom line shows total tax rates of 9.9996 mills for residential, farm land, condominiums and fourplexes,

22.500 mills for non-residential with improvements and linear property and 24.794 for non-residential vacant property, all of these rates unchanged since 2011. Machinery and equipment tax rates once again dropped slightly, from 18.707 to 18.637 mills. The mill rate bylaw no longer includes the MD Foundation category in its lineup, since the province discontinued paying a grant in lieu. This has been replaced with a category entitled GIL, this year taxed at 7.377 mills, with the municipality now required to cover that cost.

Last year’s taxes continue to trickle in, but one property with taxes left unpaid much longer will go on the auction block on Sept. 14 if taxes remain unpaid. A reserve bid equaling the 2015 assessment of the property was set at last week’s meeting, as council agreed to advertise the tax sale later in the summer, as per Municipal Government Act regulations.

The 2016 operating budget shows a slight change in revenue due to the

increased assessment on the Elk Point Co-op store, where renovations concluded last year.

Incentive on Centennial lots

An incentive has now been approved for purchasers of new, fully serviced lots in Phase 2A of the Centennial Subdivision. When the landowner or contractor receives an occupancy permit or building permit signed off by the safety codes officer within 12 months of issuing a development permit application, a 10 per cent refund of the total lot cost, less GST, will be returned to the landowner. If the structure is not complete in 12 months but is completed within 24 months, the refund will be five per cent of the total lot cost, again less GST. This policy took effect on May 10 for sales of new lots in that phase of the subdivision.

Council is seeking legal advice to prepare an order to remedy dangerous and unsightly property, regarding a home damaged by fire last November. All costs will be applied to that property.

Travel Grant

The annual request by the Heritage Lodge Auxiliary for a \$2,000 travel grant was approved, to come from the recreation department operating budget.

Show and Shine

Another annual request came from the Elk Point Auto Club president Ed Smith, who asked permission to block off 50 St. between Railway Ave and 49 St. and 49 Ave. from 50 St. to the lane west of the drugstore building. This permission was granted.

Canada Day grant

Council agreed to sponsor this year’s Canada Day celebration with a \$2,500 donation.

Back Lane Clean-up

May 17 had originally been slated as the day when Elk Point residents could put out additional trash for back lane pickup, however, since this could not be advertised until that day, the extra trash day was moved ahead one week and will now take place on Tuesday, May 24.

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Council

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RV Parking

With the arrival of warm weather, recreational vehicles are being readied for the upcoming long weekend. CAO Ken Gwozdz noted that these are being parked on streets, and asked council to pass on a reminder about the 72-hour parking limit, which applies only to the period between this coming Friday and Labour Day, and which will be enforced. RV parking is not allowed before or after that time period.

Free Disposal

Council has been advised that as of May 16, it will no longer cost to dispose of appliances containing Freon (refrigerators and freezers) at the Elk Point transfer station.

Fire ban

Town council moved to put in place a fire ban following the provincial guidelines, due to the extremely dry conditions and high fire risk, effective immediately. While there is a province-wide ban, each municipality must put a ban in place individually.

Summer students

Council gave approval to the town hiring one college student, and also to hiring high school students at the end of June.

Water backup

Council agreed to respond to a letter from the chamber of commerce regarding damage caused by a water backup in the basement of the EcoCentre advising that the town will follow industry standards of proper insurance claim protocol regarding the issue.

Health Advisory Council

Recruitment for the Lakeland Communities Health Advisory Committee is now underway, with a deadline of Wednesday May 18. Mayor Parrish Tung hopes that Elk Point and area residents will apply, and urges them to find out more about the council at <http://www.ahs.ca/shapehealthcare>



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A whole week!

The move to expand Elk Point's spring clean-up efforts from one hectic afternoon to a whole week may well prove to be very effective.

Let's face it: if there's just one afternoon out of the whole year to clean up a whole winter's trash from the entire community, it's just not going to get done. People are busy, they work long hours, their children have sports and other activities that cannot be ignored, and there just isn't time to get it all done, even when offered the bait of a barbecued burger and other treats at the end of the job.

A week to get the job done is much more realistic. We all know how frantic we get when we're cleaning our houses for unexpected company, and to clean a whole town in one afternoon is just out of the question.

RECREATION CORNER

Plants - check!
Clean-up next!

JENA COLBOURNE
Recreation Director

The Greenhouse Bus Tour was a huge success. Twenty-five ladies enjoyed the luxury of traveling in the coach bus, while relaxing and sharing gardening tips and secrets. Big thanks to the bus driver, Lawrence Zarowny. Sounds like all 25 ladies have prebooked for next year's adventure.

With all the new plants and flowers, lots of people have begun planning their gardens and preparing for a summer filled with backyard BBQs. While you're sprucing up your own backyard, take a few minutes to venture into the alley and tidy up back there. May 23-29 is Community Spring Cleanup. Some other ways to help keep our community beautiful are, when you're out walking pick up garbage that's along the way. Recycle your bottles and cans, and teach your household and kids about responsible waste disposal and recycling and reusing. If you have an elderly or disabled neighbour, help them tidy up their yards and back alleys. And if you have any unsightly property complaints call the Town Office at 780-724-3810. Industrial and business areas can help too by keeping their back alleys clean, as well as side roads, and front walks.

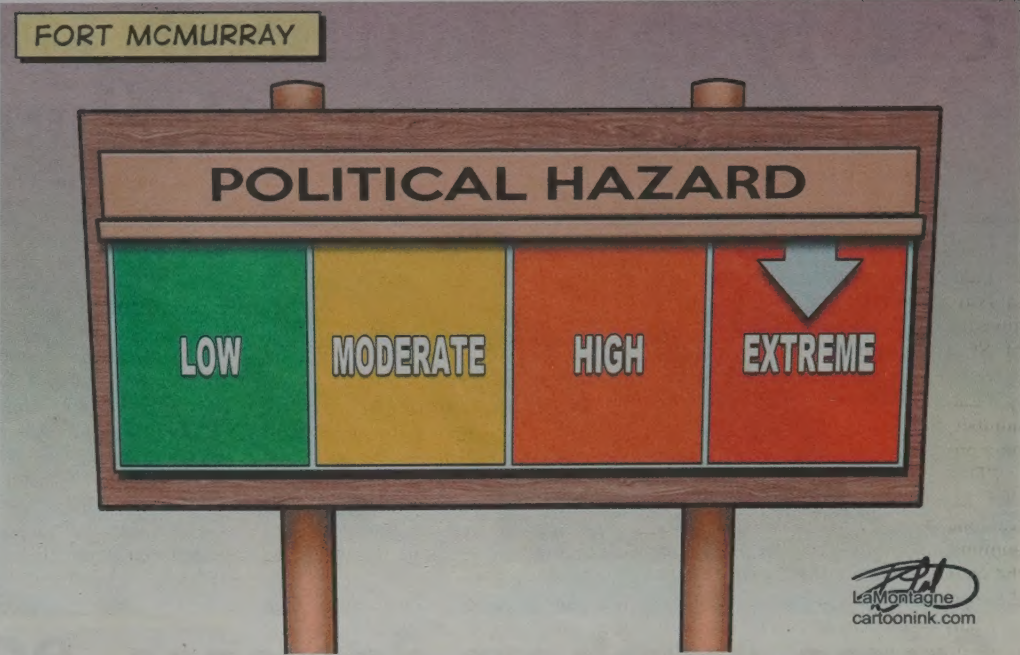
On May 24th, starting at 7:30 a.m., Public Works will be driving up and down the back alleys collecting large garbage items. You can place any dry garbage out there; fridges, stoves, couches, etc. and Public Works will pick it up. They will NOT pick up wet garbage. The Town of Elk Point is allowing large item disposal at the transfer centre free of charge one day a month. For more visit elkpoint.ca

Elk Point has instated a Fire Ban in the community, no burning of any kind; including backyard fire pits and garbage burning. For more visit elkpoint.ca

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SPECIAL FEATURE

House fire survivors pay forward

JENA COLBOURNE
Review Contributor

It was Kali Cousin's graduating year that her family home, in Elk Point, burned down. Kali recalls it was in the middle of the night when her family, lucky enough to wake in time to get out, wasn't able to take anything with them. It's the memory of that horrific night, standing in her pajamas as all of her worldly possessions were lost, that drove Kali and her family, to take action to help those who have lost their homes, and have been displaced from the Fort McMurray wildfire.

"The biggest reason why I wanted to get involved, we went through it," Kali explains. It was the community who helped her family rebuild, starting with those immediate donations. "We didn't have time to grab anything. We understand the people who had to leave right from work and didn't have time to go home to get anything and now they have absolutely nothing. The way the community, friends and family, stepped up for us, when we lost our home was absolutely unbelievable and it makes the world of difference."

"When we heard that they were evacuating absolutely everybody, my dad and I were talking and he said, "we need to do something, just the four of us," Kali's says the idea sparked from her dad, Dave. He suggested their immediate family, himself, wife, Gillian, Kali and her brother Jordan, put together some items and maybe purchase a few things and get it to the people in need. Kali took to Facebook, "I posted that if anybody wanted to donate anything I could pick

it up or they could e-transfer money if they wanted; whatever they wanted to do."

After a few people sent money and items from that post, Kali decided to roll with it and make it even bigger. "I checked with my parents to see if I could borrow their garage at their house," Kali laughs at how fast the donations started coming in. Kali even set up with ATB Financial, in Elk Point, a special drop-off location at their branch, "in case people didn't know where my parent's house is." Being a small town many did know and it wasn't long before her parents' garage was packed with donations, "they didn't even have a floor left."

"I tried to get the word out, as best as possible, and it just snowballed!" Kali recognized that monetary donations may not be possible for all, this way people can still contribute and help. With that came the need to sort, organize and if need be, clean. Kali and her family held a two-day organizing party in the garage after the majority of the donations came in, to make sure they were of good quality before taking them up to the donation center in Boyle. A basic rule of thumb Kali gives is, "think if this happened to you, would you use that item or would you wear those clothes? If it's old and broken and very out of style and maybe has holes in it, you probably wouldn't use or wear it; so don't donate it." For the most part, all donations were able to be transferred to the Boyle donation centre.

Kali, her parents and brother Jordan took the donations to the Boyle Royal Arena in a trailer hauled by her dad's pickup.

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THE COUSINS FAMILY - (left to right) Dave, Jordan, Kali and Gillian - hauled a trailer load of donations from Elk Point friends and neighbours to the donation centre in Boyle to assist the Fort McMurray fire victims there.

Jena Colbourne photo

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County of St. Paul bends land use rules to accommodate Fort McMurray evacuees

JANICE HUSER
Review Contributor

Local efforts continue to be made to accommodate evacuees from the City of Fort McMurray and its surrounding areas. At last Tuesday's regular County of St. Paul council meeting, council agreed to relax enforcement of the county's Land Use Bylaw as it relates to the number of recreational vehicles allowed on a property.

"Due to the large number of people that have been evacuated from the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo, administration is looking for ways that the county could assist to find place for these people," reads last week's agenda.

Many of the evacuees left with their RVs, or have had people provide them with RVs to live in temporarily. Council is able to make a resolution to temporarily relax enforcement of its bylaw, according to administration.

Coun. Frank Sloan noted that the county should ensure the relaxation isn't being taken advantage of, and instead only being used by those affected by the wildfire.

A Dec. 1, 2016, date was set on the relaxation of the bylaw. As of Tuesday's meeting, there were 606 evacuees who had registered at the St. Paul emergency reception centre.

During the meeting, CAO Sheila Kitz expressed her thanks to everyone who had been involved, and was still involved, in running the reception centre in St. Paul. Work was being split between County of St. Paul and Town of St. Paul staff, which resulted in the offices being short-staffed.

"We've been really short staffed here," said Kitz, adding, many employees have had to do things that aren't typically in their job description, and she personally thanked Coun. Maxine Fodness for helping staff prepare tax notices.

The volunteers and workers have been "amazing," said Kitz. "I have an amazing team." There is also already talk of some staff expressing interest in being part of the recovery team once people are let back into the city.

Kitz said that during the time that the reception centre has been operating, there have been a lot of lessons learned, and notes are being taken on how things are running. For example, once the reception centre was deactivated Monday morning, it didn't take long to realize it had to be reactivated, which occurred that same afternoon.

Tax deferral

The county is also going to be offering about 50 ratepayers with Fort McMurray addresses an extended period of time to pay taxes on their proper-

ties in the County of St. Paul.

CAO Sheila Kitz said the county is still required to mail out notices, although she was unsure of where that mail is currently being directed with the evacuation still in place.

Tax payments for the affected people will be deferred until Dec. 1, without penalty.

Farm signage

A request to reduce the speed limit in an area where there are curves on the road on the correction line, near a farmyard, was discussed by council.

The request from the resident asked for white 60 km/hour signs to be installed, rather than the yellow ones that act as a suggestion, rather than something that RCMP can enforce.

The farm resident in the area lives on the south side of the road, while his cattle and machinery are on the north side, and is concerned about safety. There are currently yellow 60 km/hour signs installed in the area.

The resident also requested some signs that alert motorists that there is a farm residence ahead.

When speaking about the type of traffic in the area, and discussing if it was mostly local traffic or traffic from outside the immediate area, Coun. Frank Sloan noted that the road is a busy one, and there are lots of people who use the road, coming from the western boundary of the municipality.

It was noted that doing some mulching in the area could help with visibility.

Public Works Superintendent Leo deMoissac noted that there were some farm residence ahead signs on hand that could be used in the area, and agree that doing some mulching in the area could also help.

"It's a blind curve," he added.

Council approved a motion to go ahead with administration's recommendation to install bigger yellow 60 km/hour signs, along with adding the "farm residence ahead" signs. Also, some mulching will be done.

Rezoning

Although the first reading of Bylaw No. 2016-11, an amendment to the Land Use Bylaw to rezone a portion of land from Agricultural to Country Residential 1/Industrial Commercial, was approved, council also made a motion to require the applicant to conduct an Area Structure Plan for the location.

The land in question is located at NE 1-58-10-W4, located just west of the Town of St. Paul.

Coun. Maxine Fodness voiced her concern with finding out if the rezoning is a suitable use for the land in question. Council approved the motion to require the applicant to complete the ASP, as

per the county's general municipal servicing standards bylaw.

Canada Day

Council approved an increase in its contribution to the Elk Point Canada Day celebrations, compared to what it has given the group in the past.

This year, the County of St. Paul will split the cost of fireworks with the Town of Elk Point, which translates to a \$2,500 contribution. For the past four years, the county has given organizers a \$400 grant to help with celebrations.

Cork Hall

The county will support some much-needed renovations at Cork Hall, approving a request for \$3,561. The funds will

be used to hire a local contractor to fix sewer problems and replace toilets.

Pickleball Courts

Pickleball athletes in the area will soon have another option to enjoy the sport, as efforts are being made to fix up the tennis courts located in St. Vincent.

The request to have lines painted and some cracks filled on the courts came from the St. Vincent Recreation Society. Public Works has the means and ability to do the work, heard council.

A timeline was not given on the work, since the public works department is busy, but a motion to complete the requested work was approved by council.

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Victims

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Kali describes the donation center; "it was organized so well, everything was in sections. There's so many people coming through because it's right off Highway 63."

Kali's family arrived with the donations at 9:00 a.m. and stayed long after they unloaded, 1:00 pm, to talk with the volunteers and the people picking up goods, and to help where they were needed. "There was a little girl, who lost her favourite plaid shirt,"

Kali says it was like Christmas morning times a thousand when the girl's mom found some new shirts for her, "she was hugging them, smiling, it was so emotional." It's those simple things that helped one little girl smile, that Kali is happy to be a part of.

The Boyle donation center has everything for people who need, it's organized like a supermarket with different sections for different needs. Evacuees are welcome to come and get what they need and if they don't find what they need, vol-

unteers will send a call out to donation drives, like Kali's, to find those items. Some items in need are school supplies, because kids weren't able to take those items with them. Some items include scientific calculators, math kits, binders, pencils, crayons, and typical items on a back-to-school shopping list.

"If they need more, we're not done," Kali says her family is willing to do another drive if they get called upon to do so. "We want to help out, as much as possible."

SPERD welcomes evacuated Fort McMurray students to local schools

JANANI WHITFIELD
Review Staff

Fort McMurray families living in the St. Paul area are taking the opportunity to send their children to school, after local schools opened their doors for people who were evacuated in

the wake of the May 3 wildfire.

At the St. Paul Education Regional Division's May 11 regular meeting, Superintendent Glen Brodziak reported to the board that thus far, 25 to 30 former Fort McMurray students had registered in SPERD

schools, adding, "That's changing every day . . . I would expect we could get more."

While some students are starting school, others are leaving to other areas, creating a fluid situation, he noted. A member of central office has reached out to each evacuated family that has expressed interest in having their children attend school, to let them know that the division could help in terms of bus transporta-

tion, meals, counseling, community supports or supplies, he said. Grade 12 students evacuated from Fort McMurray may choose not to write diploma exams and have their classroom mark used as their final grade, he noted.

While all Fort McMurray students have the option of not returning to class this year, several students have enrolled to regain a sense of normalcy and routine.

After hearing from Glen Avon School principal Kandy Songer that the children from Fort McMurray who were attending her school seemed to be doing well, board chair Heather Starosielski noted, "Kids are resilient," and that they seem to bounce back "fairly well" when it comes to traumatic incidents such as the wildfire.

While SPERD was originally anticipating a drop in enrolment that would affect its budget for the 2016/2017 school year, secretary-treasurer Jean Champagne noted that if families from Fort McMurray decide to permanently relocate, it would affect enrolment figures.

"There's a little touch of uncertainty there," said Champagne.

The local French school board Conseil Scolaire Centre-Est has also had a few families in its Lac La Biche, Plamondon and Bonnyville schools, said superintendent Marc Dumont, who noted more families may also be on the way, as on May 11, there was a notice that up to 370 evacuees who had

been staying in Lac La Biche's Bold Centre were to be moved to St. Paul and Bonnyville.

Carbon tax

Like other school boards in the province, SPERD is echoing concerns about the province's carbon tax, which is to be introduced in January, and trustees heard about the potential impact of the tax at the May 11 meeting.

The carbon tax comes into effect on Jan. 1, 2017, and Champagne said, "It'll be a fairly significant hit for the school board."

There will be a 5.35 cent levy on diesel and a 4.49 cent levy to gasoline, with Champagne estimating that could cost the division an extra \$26,500 in its busing costs. Increases to the natural gas bill will be about a \$1 per gigajoule, meaning an increase of \$51,000 to heat area schools, leading to an overall "\$78,000 hit to our budget," he said.

Some school boards have asked the province for an exemption from the carbon tax or to be fully rebated the cost of the tax, and Champagne said, "We're hoping there will be some considerations for that," adding it would make sense, given that the province is the one funding school boards but also the ones taxing school boards. Because of its funding model, the division can't just retrofit all its buildings, and unlike a family, it can't transport students in a smaller sedan, said Champagne.

"It's not like we can downsize our bus."

Capital projects

Champagne reported there was "good news all around" on the division's area schools. The Two Hills Mennonite School project seems to be back on track, having addressed previous problems and with the steel framework of the building now up, people could see the progress on the school with their own eyes, he said.

For Ashmont School, the drawings are essentially complete and are being reviewed by the province, with Champagne saying the project should be going to tender within the next few weeks.

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PERMIT NO.	LOCATION	
16-D0074	NE 22-56-11-W4M* Lot 57, Block 2, Plan 7521646 Lower Therien	Accessory Building- Height to be 18.5 ft instead of 14.75 ft. <i>Land Use District: Country Residential One (CR1)</i> Discretionary Use
16-D0075	SE 14-57-10-W4M Lot 56 Block 2, Plan 7521646 Lower Therien	Accessory Building-To be located 7m from front property line instead of 7. 7m and 3. 23m from side property line instead of 6.1m. <i>Land Use District: Country Residential One (CR1)</i> Discretionary Use
16-D0076	SW 22-56-4-W4M Lot 11, Block 2, Plan 2104 MC. Laurier Lake	Accessory Building-No Principal Dwelling <i>Land Use District: Country Residential One (CR1)</i> Discretionary Use
16-D0077	SW 36-58-10-W4M	Accessory Buildings- To be located 3.16m and 2.60m respectively from side (east) property line instead of 12m. <i>Land Use District: Agriculture</i> Discretionary Use
16-D0078	SW 20-59-9-W4M Lot 3, Block 6, Plan 8020651 Vincent Lake	Accessory Building-No Principal Dwelling <i>Land Use District: Country Residential One (CR1)</i> Discretionary Use

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May 17, 2016
Date

Krystle Fedoretz
Krystle Fedoretz
Development Authority Officer

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A walk off home run by 'Mic Jager' Fontaine in Mosquito No. 1 action this past week, when the team coached by Robyn Moroziuk and Shane Fontaine were victorious over St. Paul 15 to 14, the winning run coming across the plate, 'Mic' doing a little dance while getting tackled by the team doing a huge celebration. Vanden 'Mario Moroziuk' cranking a homer as well earlier in the game. Kaleb 'Formula One' Flamand taking a pitch in the face, but he's a tough guy and stayed in the game. Behind the mask some awesome catching by Vaughn Ockerman and Kade 'the Kid' Fontaine. Phoenix Canning up on the hill is a up-and-coming pitcher. Heath McNamara and first year player Kaden Allen both played very well in the field.

The Peeewe boys played in St Paul and had another great game winning 10-6. Evan 'Batman' Ockerman pitched a solid inning and hit the team's first home run of the season. Jaden 'Jetstream' VanMaarion pitched for the first time this year striking out two and only

allowing one run. Alex Duffee knocked in his second RBI of the season.



**doug
BASSETT**

Review Sports

Keith Stuparyk got on base and stole a couple bases. Charlie 'Angel' Rogal pitched in his first game of the year and didn't allow any runs and struck out a couple. The boys were really active, stealing bases and getting into scoring position. We faced some tough pitching with some pitchers that can really throw the ball; it will give us something to work on the upcoming week. A big happy birthday going out today to peeewe coach Sheldon Ballas.

Some super fast pitching by Kaylee Radcliffe for the first three innings and she hit a huge home run as well in this one to help the Squirt girls defeat St. Paul here on Wednesday night. Great back catching by the tandem of Avery 'Whirlwind' Warawa and Jadey 'the Lady' Capjack.

Closer Chloe 'Mouse' Bendixen wasn't throwing as fast as Kaylee, but she threw nothing but strikes giving our fielders some action, and they had no problem handling the ball and getting three outs in the final inning when she pitched.

Katelyn Boratynec hitting her first home run ever, and 'Gorgeous Georgia' Bendixen blasting a grand slam doing the damage bringing home the runs when the Peeewe girls defeated Vermilion down in Vermilion on Wednesday night.

The Rookie boys play tonight and the Mosquito boys on Thursday night at home. Tomorrow night the Bantam girls will be playing here at home. Game time is 6:30, so why not come out and cheer them on!

And now for the K. A. Campbell quote of the week. 'There is an old saying that money can't buy happiness. If it could, I would buy myself four hits every game.' Last week's answer to

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County of St. Paul No. 19 NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

PREPARATION OF COMBINED ASSESSMENT/TAX NOTICES

In accordance with Section 311(1) of the Municipal Government Act, notice is hereby given that the 2016 Combined Assessment and Tax Notices have been prepared and mailed May 13, 2016 to all taxpayers.

Sheila Kitz
Chief Administrative Officer

COUNTY OF ST. PAUL No. 19



HIGHLIGHTS May 10, 2016 Council Meeting

2015 Property Tax Notices – were mailed out on May 13th. If you do not receive your notice, contact Carolyn at 645-3301, ext 215 to ensure that we have your correct mailing address on file. **The County Office will be open during the lunch hour from May 24th to July 4th to accommodate ratepayers during property tax season.**

Assessment Open House – The County of St. Paul has now contracted its' Assessment services to Accurate Assessment Group and they will be holding an Open House on June 2 and 3 from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the County administration office to discuss assessment inquiries. No appointments are necessary. To discuss your assessment at any other time, contact Bob Daudelin or Jesse Nelson with Accurate Assessment at 1-877-438-2305.

2016 Annual Operating and Capital Budget – County Council approved the 2016 Annual Operating and Capital Budget at a Special Council Meeting on April 21, 2016.

Operating & Capital Revenues	\$42,096,999
Debtenture & Funding from Surplus	\$ 3,054,868
Operating Expenses	\$26,038,938
Debtenture Repayment	\$ 2,076,093
Capital Expenditures	\$16,136,588
Surplus	\$ 900,248

Council has tried to keep mill rates stable for all taxpayers and have not increased mill rates for any assessment class of taxpayer. Due to the timing of when assessment is completed for any given year, there is significant unknown as to what to expense for assessment values of the future year. Industry is being hit hard by lower commodity prices and the downturn in the economy. There has been a reduction in market value of properties since the July 21, 2015 valuation date for assessment. With all of these factors and other unknown factors, Council has determined to set their budget showing \$900,248 Surplus. Residents can view the entire budget document on the County webpage at www.county.stpaul.ab.ca

Planning and Development – Council gave first reading to Bylaw No. 2016-12 to amend the Land Use Bylaw as it relates to rezoning 10 acres in the N ½ NW 7-58-8-W4 from Agricultural to Country Residential One (CR1). Council also gave first reading to Bylaw No. 2016-11 to rezone 73.7956 acres in NE 1-58-10-W4 from Ag to Country Residential One/Industrial Commercial. However, Council is also requesting that the applicant complete an Area Structure Plan as per the County's General Municipal Servicing Standards Bylaw prior to receiving second and third reading on the proposed rezoning bylaw.

Fundraising Opportunity for Non Profit Organizations – We are looking for a group to assist with clean up after the rodeo performances. The group will work with another group selected by the Town of St. Paul and will receive a \$1500 honorarium from the St. Paul Ag Society. The group who cleans after the rodeo performances this year will then work the rodeo supper in 2017 and receive all the proceeds from the supper (approx \$2700 to \$3300). If you are interested in this fundraiser or would like more information, contact Phyllis at 780-645-3301, ext. 203.

County of St. Paul efforts to assist Evacuees from Fort McMurray – County Council made a resolution to relax enforcement of the County's Land Use Bylaw (LUB) as it relates to the number of RVs allowed on a property for the people displaced by the wild fire situation in the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo until December 1, 2016. Currently the County LUB only allows 2 – RVs on a property, this resolution would allow more than 2 for a specified period of time in order to provide housing alternatives to those who have brought their RVs with them, or are being housed in RVs.

Additionally, Council approved deferred payment of taxes for properties with addresses in the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo to November 30, 2016.

Activation of Reception Centre – The Region of St. Paul had a practice exercise of the Emergency Social Services Plan on April 27, 2016. This exercise was very timely as St. Paul was asked to activate their Reception Centre on May 4, 2016 to provide support to evacuees from Fort McMurray. As of May 10, 2016, 606 people were registered at the Reception Centre. County Council expressed their gratitude to the many people who have stepped up in not only the community of St. Paul but our neighbouring communities to volunteer, provide housing, donations, goods, etc. to assist our team to support evacuees arriving in St. Paul. Many County staff are involved in the operation of the Reception Centre, leaving a small number of staff at the Administration Office dealing with regular county operations. Council wanted to send a message of appreciation to County staff for their dedication to ensuring the emergency response is dealt with and that other County business carries on as required.

Water line from Spedden to Ashmont – County Council awarded the tender for the construction of a water transmission line from Spedden to Ashmont at the April 21, 2016 Public Works Meeting. Directional Mining and Drilling will be the contractor on the project that is expected to commence after the May long weekend. It is estimated that the project will take approximately 8 weeks to be completed.

Ashmont Lagoon – The Ashmont Lagoon expansion has been tendered out to 21 pre-qualified bidders for the project on April 29, 2016 with tender opening on May 18, 2016. The County hopes to award the tender before the end of May.

Spring Cleanup – As a pilot project Council has determined to have curbside pickup of garbage for various locations in the County for a 2-week period to assist with spring clean-up and beautification of hamlets or subdivisions. Residents who will be affected by this pilot project have been notified via mail regarding dates and times of this service. From May 16 – 27, 2016 residents from all areas of the County can deliver appliances to transfer stations within the County (except the St. Paul Transfer Station) at no charge.

Funding Support:

- \$2,500 – Elk Point Canada Day Fireworks
- \$3,561.82 – Cork Community Hall to replace sewer line and bathroom fixtures
- \$1,000 – Transportation Grant for Heritage Lodge Auxiliary
- \$500 – Regional High School for Provincial Badminton
- \$1,500 – Mallaig School – Provincial Badminton and Provincial Handball Boys and Girls Teams

**For more information contact
Sheila Kitz, CAO, County of St. Paul
At 780-645-3301, ext 208**



PLAYGROUND IN PROGRESS - a two-day work bee saw 25 or more volunteers hard at work each day as they pieced together the components of the Pete Stafford Memorial Playground, drilling 80-plus holes, pouring concrete and moving sand. Completion is expected later this week.



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2nd Chance

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The 2nd Chance wants to change more people's lives, he said, and to this point the organization has done this by raising organ donation awareness through signage, and assisting those going through the transplant process by mentoring, donating gas and grocery cards and funding subsidized accommodation for transplant patients.

Tom Matthews of St. Paul has had his new lungs two years longer, since July 11, 2009, and mentored Irvine at the time of his transplant. In the years that followed, Irvine has passed on his horsemanship knowledge to Matthews, who was proud to report that he had driven one of the teams for three-quarters of this year's ride. After Irvine's transplant, "when Moe and Lionel called me to suggest holding a trail ride to raise funds and awareness, I thought it was a wonderful idea. I've always thought of him as the guiding light of this venture and his wife Fae as the wise owl who helped make decisions." He presented the Irvines with an angel figurine holding a light aloft and with a lantern for their collection.

The two were joined on stage by July 2011 double lung recipient and former Heinsburg area resident Harvey Nelson, Gary Heffner, who received a transplant in December 2013, Reg Smith, who received transplant kidneys in 2005 and is now on the list again after those kidneys also failed, 2004 kidney recipient Gail Dustow, 2002 recipient Donna Krilow-Lorenz, 2011 recipient Greg Hnatyk and 2011 stem cell recipient Beth Yushyshyn. Judy Lawes and Diane Brown, both of whom received lifesaving transplants in 2011, were unable to be in attendance this year.

Coral and Remi Tremblay, the parents of organ donor Dawn Tremblay, who perished following a vehicle crash 20 years ago, were also on hand for the event, and had a sign-up sheet for those wishing to pre-order a book written by the recipient of Dawn's heart, Kristy Thackeray. Her incredible story is told in "My Life, Someone Else's Heart," which will be published later this year.

Pastor Sam Donaldson was a special

guest at the event and offered a prayer, following a moment of silence, for all the organ donors and their families.

Lorenz returned to the stage to tell her story, which began in 1989 when tests prescribed by her doctor at a regular checkup determined that she had polycystic kidney disease. Annual appointments were scheduled and it was not until more than a decade later, after the single mom had "met a wonderful man" and was about to get married, when "all hell broke loose. I learned I should have been on dialysis for some time." Blessed with four siblings who were willing to have their kidneys tested as transplant possibilities, she traveled from Lloydminster to Saskatoon twice a week for dialysis. Tests on the sibling who was the closest match also showed kidney issues, a result that was later determined to have come from a mix-up in test findings. All went well with a second round of tests and surgery was slated for November. Lorenz was home with her family for Christmas. She still travels to Saskatoon every two months for checkups and takes 25 pills a day, but says she is "living proof that transplants work."

Also on the program was University of Alberta Hospital nurse Cheryl Salvador, who said transplant patients were "very close to my heart. We did 61 lung transplants last year, with a marathon of 31 transplants in 10 days at one point. Donors' families are angels."

Rebekah Salayka told her story as a living donor of a kidney to her cousin, and said it was "a very long process but with pretty remarkable results."

Matthews said in the last three weeks, there have been three lung, one liver and kidney transplants at the U of A, all made possible by supportive families of donors. The donor of his own lungs, he said, "is the greatest hero in my life."

With the 113-item silent auction still ongoing, auctioneer Pat Lawrence called for bids in the live auction of 15 additional items, which added up to a total of \$13,625, with a three night stay in a mountain lodge, going for the highest bid of \$3,500. A roping saddle, complete with stand, pad and bridle went for \$3,250 and a moose horn carving by Ernie Poitras went for \$1,600.



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CHERRY GROVE BIG BUCKS NIGHT representative Peter Phillips presented Morris and Fae Irvine and Tom Matthews with a \$5,000 donation for the 2nd Chance, as Josh Michaud waited for stage coach passengers.



TRANSPLANT RECIPIENTS (left to right) Tom Matthews, Morris Irvine, Harvey Nelson, Gail Dustow, Reg Smith, Gary Heffner, Donna Lorenz, (front,) Beth Yushyshyn and Greg Hnatyk all received lifesaving gifts.

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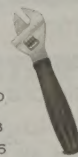
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IN FINE VOICE -
Elk Point Community Choir presented their spring concert on Friday evening, with Udo Mueller conducting, Sheila Hatch starting off at the piano and Camryn Coleman turning pages.



Community Choir dedicates Spring Concert to Fort McMurray wildfire evacuees

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Elk Point Community Choir showed off what conductor Udo Mueller termed their "classy new look," with the ladies trading in their long skirts and blazers for black slacks and sleek blue shirts, just in time for Friday night's concert at the Elk Point Arts and Leisure Centre.

Another first for the choir was that they dedicated this year's concert to the victims of the Fort McMurray wildfires. All the proceeds from the concert, along with the funds that in recent years have become the annual Don Conrad scholarships for aspiring music students, a total to \$1,350, will be donated to the victims of the wildfires, "a calamity that has dominated our thoughts this week," Mueller said. He marveled that "in the midst of terrifying circumstances, drivers still signaled their intent to change lanes, vehicles traveled in orderly convoys and trucks were loaded up with fuel and delivered it to vehicles stranded along the way. There were no looters, no road rage or chaos. Only in Canada, eh?"

The concert featured a variety of music styles, beginning as is their custom with the a Capella number, 'Just Let Me Sing.' Ruth L. Snyder on piano and Robyn Sieben and Kelsey Taylor on flute accompan-

ied the next two numbers, a Welsh folk song, 'The Ash Grove,' and a gentle melody, 'Roots and Wings.'

Barb Bury took over the piano for the 1950s hit, 'Rockin' Robin,' with marvelous tweets coming from Sieben's flute. Snyder returned to accompany an uplifting number, 'Here's to Song', the soaring notes of 'One Moment in Time' and the men of the choir as they offered up an old favourite, 'Lil' Liza Jane,' with Mueller abandoning his podium and joining in the vocals.

Bury, on piano, and Sieben, on flute, accompanied the ladies of the choir in 'Seasons', before the men joined the ladies for an a Capella number, 'Calling My Children Home.'

The infectious rhythm of 'There Is Peace' featured Kelsey Taylor on piano and Dixie Coleman on the shakers, with Taylor taking over the podium from dad Udo, who moved to the piano for 'Bring Me Little Water, Sylvie,' a number with a calypso beat. Bury came back to the piano for the rollicking up-tempo 'Music, Lead the Way!' with Taylor adding the sounds of the cabasa.

The evening wound up with an a capella choral benediction, 'The Irish Blessing,' before the crowd headed to the back of the theatre to enjoy Mueller's peach cobbler and a number of other tasty treats, along with coffee and conversation.

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Tuesday,
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THANK YOU

THANK-YOU

from Michael Boratynec's family:

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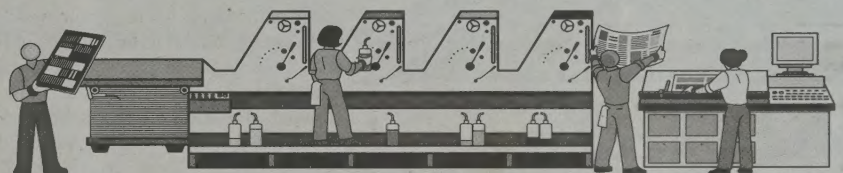
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